

1. Benefits from National Defence Fund

(i) **Ex-gratia grant** : Boarded out injured personnel with more than 75% injuries are paid ex-gratia grant amount of Rs. 6.00 lakhs, those with more than 50% out less than 75% injuries—Rs. 4.5 lakhs; and, those with less than 50% injuries—Rs. 3.00 lakhs.

(ii) **Housing grant**: Defence services personnel, invalided out of service, are paid Rs. 5.00 lakhs for acquiring a dwelling unit or for making additions/alterations/renovations of the existing unit.

(2) **Benefit from Army Central welfare fund**: Each disabled personnel is paid the Benefit, ranging from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 30,000, depending upon the level of disability. They are also entitled to the following:—

(a) Financial assistance for procurement of mobility equipment, such as, motorised tricycles, scooters and wheel chairs.

(b) Financial assistance for procurement of state of the art artificial limbs.

(c) Financial assistance for vocational training and self-employment ventures.

(d) Financial assistance for higher education of children.

(e) Educational scholarship for children up to Post Graduate level.

(f) Financial assistance for medical treatment of dependents and marriage of wards.

(g) Financial assistance for agro-based ventures, animal husbandry and dairy development projects.

(h) Annual grants to Vocational Training Centres associated with Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centres.

Inquiry into security lapses at Red Fort

2721. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted an inquiry into security lapses responsible for the shocking incident in which terrorists sneaked into the Red Fort on 22nd December, 2000 and escaped after killing three persons in the highly protected area;

(b) if so, the details of the findings thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There are a number of organisation/units located inside Red Fort. There is also a bazaar inside the Fort. Quite a large portion of the Red Fort is under the jurisdiction of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). This area is open to visitors. The ASI has contracted a civil security agency to look after the area under its jurisdiction. Different Army units and sub-units located within the Red Fort arrange their own local security within the perimeters of their own area.

In the wake of the incident in the Red Fort on 22.12.2000, the Army had ordered a Court of Inquiry to investigate the circumstances under which the terrorists sneaked into the Red Fort and escaped. The Court of Inquiry has, among other things, highlighted the following aspects:—

- (i) Different agencies like the ASI, Delhi Police and the Army operating inside the Fort and looking after security have certain overlaps,
- (ii) Tourists were not required to pass through a metal detector nor was there any system of frisking,
- (iii) There is no fencing between the public toilets behind Meena Bazar and the military area and
- (iv) The eastern wall of the Fort is low in height and can be easily scaled.

Subsequent to the incident, certain measures both immediate and long term have been/are being taken with a view to ensure that no recurrence of such incident takes place. These measures include installation of four metal detector door frames and deployment of personnel to frisk all tourists and the public entering from Lahore gate, deployment of additional police personnel in Meena Bazaar and in the area under ASI jurisdiction, installation of additional security lights inside Red Fort as also in 'Chor Bazaar' area behind the Red Fort, shifting of the ticket counter outside Lahore gate, more frequent interaction among the army, Police and ASI, positioning of

armed guards at selected places in military area and deployment of Mobile Quick Reaction Teams inside the Red Fort.

Donations collected during Kargil War

2722. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of donations collected by different organisations from public and organisations during different war (organisation-wise); and

(b) whether the money so collected has been fully utilised?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Government is neither aware nor responsible for the amount of donations collected privately and their utilization by different organisations from public and organizations during different wars.

Funds for defence related projects

2723. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions of funds made available for the development of defence related projects by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan, with service-wise break-up;

(b) the difference of funds made available during Eighth Five Year Plan and Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) During the Eighth and the Ninth Five Year Plans, provision of funds has been made at the level of Rs. 35,683.58 crores and Rs. 65,731.51 crores respectively. The service-wise break-up of funds is given in the Statement (See below)

(b) There is an increase of Rs. 30,047.93 crores in Ninth Five Year Plan as compared to the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) The increase in the provision of funds in Ninth Five Year Plan is mainly on account of induction of modernised weapons and weapon systems in our Armed Forces keeping in view the threat